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**The Charlotte County Agricultural Society,**  
Will hold a Ploughing Match on Wednesday, the 16th October next,  
at 10.50 A. M., in the Field owned by Charles Kennedy, in  
the vicinity of St. Andrews; and the annual  
**CATTLE SHOW & FAIR OF THE SOCIETY**  
Will take place the following day in the Society's Field, at the Bay  
Side, at 11 A. M., when the following Premiums  
will be offered, subject to the Regulations  
hereinafter mentioned:

## On Ploughing Match.

1. To be performed with Horses.

Ploughmen above 25 years of age, 1st premium \$1.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00.

2. To be performed with Oxen.

Ploughmen above 25 years of age, 1st premium \$1.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00.

3. To be performed with either Horses or Oxen open to all competitors under 25 years of age, 1st premium \$4.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00.

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## Poetry.

### THE HUNTERS SONG.

BY ALICE CART.

I know a mountain high,  
With its head against the sky,  
Where the sturdy eagles fly,  
East and West.  
There at morning's rubly gleam,  
And in evening's purple beam,  
I have heard the merrings scream  
From the nest!

Oh, I love that mountain high,  
With its head against the sky,  
And the hungry merrings cry,  
All forlorn!  
For as winds went to and fro,  
Cutting furrows through the snow,  
In a hunter's lowly bow,  
I was born.

O, I love the rocky glade,  
Where my little brothers played,  
Where together they are laid  
In green beds;  
With a water murmuring high  
Its eternal lullaby,  
And a blue strip of the sky  
At their heads.

## Miscellany.

### Couldn't Tell.

A few evenings since a Mr. Slocum was reading an account of a dreadful accident which happened at the factory in Lowell, and which the newspaper had described in a great many words.

"I declare, wife, that was a fearful accident over to the mill," Mr. Slocum said.

"What is it about, Mr. Slocum?" "I'll read the 'count, wife, and then you will know all about it."

Mr. S. began to read: "Horrible and fatal accident.—It becomes our melancholy and painful duty to record the particulars of an accident that occurred at the Lowell mill, in this place, yesterday afternoon, by which a human being in the prime of life was hurried to that bourne from which no traveller returns."

"Du tell!" exclaimed Mrs. S. "Mr. David Jones, a workman, who has but few superfluous words, was superintending one of the large drums."

"I wonder if it was a brass drum, such as 'Epiphany Bunch' printed on?" said Mrs. Slocum.

"When he became entangled, the arms were drawn around the drum, and finally his whole body was drawn over the shaft at a fearful rate. When his situation was discovered he had revolved with immense velocity about fifteen minutes, his head and limbs striking a large beam with a distinct blow at each revolution."

"Four creature! how it must have hurt him!"

"When the machinery had been stopped it was found that Mr. Jones' arms and legs were mangled to a jelly."

"Well, didn't it kill him?" asked Mrs. Slocum, with increasing interest.

"Portions of the 'dura mater, cerebrum and cerebellum,' in confused masses, were scattered about the floor; in short the gates of eternity had opened upon him."

Here Mr. Slocum paused to wipe his spectacles, and his wife seized the opportunity to press the question.

"Was the man killed?"

"I don't know—haven't come to that yet; you'll know when I've finished the piece."

And Mr. S. continued reading: "It was evident that the man's limbs were torn to shreds, and his body was found in a most horrible condition. The fatal casualty has cast a gloom over our city, and we trust that it will prove a warning to all persons who are called upon to regulate the most powerful machinery of our mills."

"Law," said Mrs. Slocum, perceiving that the narrative was ended, "now, I should like to know whether the man was killed or not."

Mr. Slocum looked puzzled. He scratched his head, scrutinized the article he had been perusing, and took a graceful survey of the paper.

"I declare wife," said he, "it's curious, but really the paper don't say!"

"Fide would never owe, and tell how would never pay!"

## Col. Adelfson's Letter.

[To the Editor of the Globe.]

FREDERICTON, 11th July, 1867.

Sir,—I notice with satisfaction the "Reporter's" critique on the last letter of mine, which you were kind enough to publish, both on account of its courteous tone, and because by replying to it, I can at the same time discover "One of the Public" I wish, in all good-faith, to point out to the "Reporter" that not only has he not contradicted a single statement of mine, but that he is misinformed as to facts.

In taking York as an example, I selected a County known to the "Reporter" and myself, and which, from being the Headquarters of the Military and Militia Brigades, and the Station of a particularly smart Regiment, might naturally be supposed to enjoy peculiar advantages.

The "Reporter" wisely omits all notice of the three Battalions of York Militia, and only states that the fact that the Volunteers of Fredericton number less than one half of what they turned out two years ago, is not a conclusive proof of my argument. Sir, I could easily bring further and stronger proof if I needed were.

The effective Volunteers of the Province only number 1,493, against 1,717 in 1864. The term "non-effective," as applied to Volunteers, I do not understand. The "Reporter" states, "as regards the Militia," "the number of well-drilled officers appears to have been added to," and their efficiency being tested by a Board of Examination.

Now, as the benefit in this case seems only to be apparent, and the Board involved the services of an officer of the 22nd, costing the Province a sum of \$284.02. I shall have the Commanding Officers of the Battalions examined to state the probable advantages of this expensive test. The House Guards were raised and organized by the energy of individuals, not by the present Administration.

The 1,440 officers and men who have derived instruction at the Camp, owe it to the labors of the Militia Committee assembled in January 1865, not one of whom, I am certain, will say that their ideas have been fully carried out. The first Camp was intended to have the services of Capt. Nangle, 15th Foot, as Brigade Major, and a bugler and half a dozen drill instructors from the same regiment; the second Camp was to have no assistance at all; in place of which, the 15th regiment gave more assistance than ever at a charge of \$847.20.

The "Reporter" correctly states that in my Report, I recommended the appointment of one officer, a store-keeper. In 1864-65, the paid Staff consisted of the Adjutant General at \$800, and the Quartermaster General at \$100 per annum. For this the Quartermaster General had charge of the stores in St. John, and considerable trouble in the issue of ammunition. The Adjutant General conducted the whole of the other duties which were, at that time, quite as heavy as they are now.

When the necessity of the service permitted, he gladly availed himself of the services of a most efficient clerk; but this was paid by himself at the rate of \$15 per month. I have previously stated that the whole Staff charges, whatsoever, amounted to \$1,235.37, and the total expense for Militia and Volunteers to \$8,946.92, including the former sum. The "Reporter" states that the "better organization" to which I take so much exception, only consisted of three extra officers at an aggregate salary of \$1,400. This is pretty well, but it is very far from being the Auditor General's opinion, which is to the effect that during the year ending 31st October, 1866, the following Staff Officers were paid by the Province:—

1 Adjutant General,  
1 Deputy do.,  
1 do. Artillery,  
1 Inspecting Field Officer,  
1 Assistant General's Clerk,  
1 Quartermaster General,  
2 Storekeepers.

Total, \$8

Now, although many of these gentlemen served only a portion of the year, since only for a couple of months, I find that they drew amongst them \$4,173.48, exclusive of allowances for postage, stationery, telegrams, office rent, fuel, labor in stores, carpentering, washhand stuffs, &c., &c. Surely the "Reporter" can't mean that because I recommended the addition of one storekeeper to the establishment, I advocated a Staff of not *at least* larger than that of the Horse Guards, y-e-t, out of all proportion to the number of men.

I observe that a vote for \$30,000 was taken for the Militia Service for the eight months concluding on the 30th ultimo. There was also a balance on hand of \$3,002.35, making therefore a total of \$33,002.35 to be spent in eight months, a sum which, three years ago, was deemed sufficient to last for three years and nearly four months. As I knew that during these months, there had been neither a Fenian outbreak, a Camp of Instruction, nor even a Board of Examination, I thought the present Administration would have as much trouble to spend \$33,002.35 in eight months as I had to make out, and for the year on \$8,946.92. I therefore enquire whether drill shall be done by whether Militia Adjutants got enough to do.

insure them for carrying out a compulsory duty, or whether, in short, this large sum had been made available in any way for the improvement of the Militia. All I learned, however, was that the pay of one official had been as near as possible doubled on the 1st November, and I suppose the others will look out for themselves. The statement in your issue of the 5th is, I